

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 10-27, and 29-36 are now present in the application. Claims 3, 5 and 6 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claims 3, 5 and 6 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is entered and no substantive amendment is made. Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

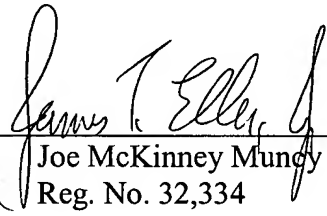
CONCLUSION

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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